

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2006**

**The North Providence School Committee met on September 27, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Dr. Pallotta, Mrs. Reall, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Martinelli. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Attorney Cascione, Attorney Henneous, Ms. Celona, Mr. Milazzo and Mr. Iannetta. Mr. Gerardi and Mr. Lynch were present for the regular session only.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to recess the regular session and go into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Contracts, Collective Bargaining, Budget, Transportation, and School Construction and Acquisitions.**

**The meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m. It began by saluting the flag. Next, Chairman Marciano asked for a moment of silence.**

**The first item on the Agenda was Correspondence. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Report. First was the Birchwood Portfolio Presentation. Superintendent Ottaviano asked Ms. Granato to make the presentation.**

**Ms. Granato thanked the Committee for allowing her the opportunity to speak about the Portfolio project. She first spoke about how the project brought the faculty together and pointed to the fact that so many of the faculty are in attendance at the meeting. Next she**

**focused on the project starting in the 6th grade and continuing until graduation. She read many positive comments made by the faculty regarding the program and spoke about the fact that it holds the students accountable and prepares them for high school.**

**She next gave a brief slide show highlighting portfolio night. She thanked the Committee for their time. Chairman Marciano thanked her for her presentation.**

**Next was State Classifications. Superintendent Ottaviano turned it over to Mr. Gerardi. Mr. Gerardi spoke about the information given to the School Committee in their packets regarding the classifications of the Middle Schools. Dr. Pallotta congratulated everyone on the middle school classifications. It is wonderful to see the fruits of their hard work at the middle schools. He commended everyone from the Superintendent on down. Mr. DaSilva also thanked Paul Vorro for his vision.**

**Next was Field Trip Requests. Mr. Gerardi recommended approval of the Field Trip Requests as presented.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the Field Trip Request as submitted.**

**Next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the September 27, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the September 27, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.**

**Next on the Agenda was School Committee Reports.**

**Mr. Cataldi thanked the members of the negotiations subcommittee, Dr. Pallotta and Mr. Wilkes, for their hard work. He also thanked Attorney Henneous. After over a year of negotiations, the subcommittee was able to negotiate a fair contract. He recommended approval of the contract was submitted.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Dr. Pallotta and the entire Committee and carried to approve the contract as presented.**

**Next was the Administrator Contract. Dr. Pallotta recommended approval of the Contract as submitted.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Martinelli and carried to approve the Administrator's contract as submitted.**

**Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 3-5. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Requests to Address the Committee. Chairman Marciano read a letter from the Department of**

**Health and asked that it be placed on file.**

**The next item on the Agenda was New Business.**

**First was Resignations. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the resignations, which were voted on as follows:**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve the Resignations as follows: Ashley Armenti – Assistant High School Cheerleader/Majorette Advisor effective September 28, 2006; Michael Healy – High School Special Education Department Chair effective September 27, 2006; and Shalla Pacia – Teacher Assistant effective September 6, 2006.**

**Next was Reporting. Superintendent Ottaviano announced that the Committee voted in Executive Session regarding a Memorandum of Agreement for a contractual agreement.**

**Next was Leaves of Absence. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leaves of Absence, which were voted on as follows:**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Leaves of Absence Requests as follows: Danielle Hathaway for an Unpaid FMLA effective August 28, 2006 through September 29, 2006; and Maureen O'Donnell for an Unpaid Leave effective August**

**30, 2006 through January 19, 2007.**

**Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments, which were voted on as follows:**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by the entire Committee and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointment of Ashley Armenti – High School Cheerleader/Majorette Advisor effective September 28, 2006; Miriam Badger – Middle School Foreign Language Teacher (Pending Emergency Certification) Retroactive to August 28, 2006; Tanya Deanseris – Ricci Middle School Reading Specialist (Pending Emergency Certification) Retroactive to August 28, 2006; Kerri Picard – LTS Social Worker effective August 30, 2006 through January 19, 2007; and Maria Paglia Marasco – High School Special Education Department Chair effective September 28, 2006.**

**Chairman Marciano asked those appointees present to stand and offered congratulations on behalf of the Committee and Administration.**

**Next was Employee Termination. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended the Employee Termination effective August 28, 2006 as outlined in the School Committee packets.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for**

**employee termination as outlined in the School Committee packets.**

**Next was Old Business. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Use of Property Requests.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the September 27, 2006 School Committee Packets.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation for Use of Property Requests as presented with the exception of the New Deal request, which will be approved based on the successful rescheduling with Mr. Milazzo.**

**Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the N.**

**Providence School Department List of Accruals dated September 27, 2006 in the amount of \$10,333.67 and the North Providence School Department List of Bills dated September 27, 2006 in the amount of \$1,018,474.26 be approved with regret and paid.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the August 23 26, 2006 North Providence School Department List Accruals and the August 23, 2006 List of Bills be approved with regret and paid.**

**Next was Approval of Minutes.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried that the Minutes of the August 23, 2006 Executive Session be approved as presented and kept closed in accordance with R.I.G.L 42-46-4 and 42-46-5.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the Minutes of the August 23, 2006 North Providence School Committee Regular Session be approved as presented.**

**Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 7-12. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Pending Business. There being none,**

**Dr. Pallotta offered congratulations to Mr. Gerardi on the extension of his contract and added that his efforts are appreciated.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**David Wilkes**